

II. Election

In the Action, the Examiner took the position that the application contained the following inventions or groups of inventions which were not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, and thus required an election of a single invention:

Group I, claims 1 and 43-52 drawn to an electrochemical compressor including a resilient bead arrangement being metallic.

Group II, claims 53-59 drawn to a fuel cell system comprising a resilient bead including one flank and at least one perforation for conducting the media.

Group III, claims 60-61, drawn to a process for producing a bipolar plate including the steps of mechanically shaping a metallic plate to produce a bead arrangement including a plurality of holes.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 53-59.